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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated October 7, 2003, be extended for three months to and including April 7, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$475 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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